



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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May 29, 2007

### The Heat is On for Maryland Farmers

Scattered thunderstorms brought very little rain and warm temperatures to Maryland farmers last week. Air temperatures averaged in the upper 80's, with some reports over 90. **There were 6.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending May 27, 2007.

Planting process was made with **soybeans, corn, fruit** and **vegetables**. **Cantaloups** is 64 percent planted, 14 percent above last week and 2 percent above the five year average. **Lima beans** is 55 percent planted, 22 percent above last year and 24 percent above the five year average. **Watermelons** is 78 percent planted, 34 percent above last week and 17 percent above the five year average. About 94 percent of **winter wheat** is headed compared to 99 percent the previous year and there are some reports of **wheat** turning color.

**Pasture** was rated 13 percent excellent, 37 percent good, 36 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were 6 percent surplus, 70 percent adequate, 17 percent short and 7 percent very short.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2002-2006
<b><u>Planting Progress:</u></b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	64	50	56	62
<b>Cucumbers</b>	29	21	42	39
<b>Lima Beans</b>	55	50	33	31
<b>Snap Beans</b>	32	23	39	42
<b>Soybeans</b>	42	23	46	33
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	79	74	74	73
<b>Tomatoes</b>	60	41	56	65
<b>Watermelons</b>	78	44	53	61
<b>Corn: Planted</b>	93	87	97	91
<b>    Emerged</b>	77	59	87	77
<b><u>Vegetables Harvested:</u></b>				
<b>Green Peas</b>	17	12	16	17
<b><u>Hay</u></b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay 1st cutting</b>	90	62	72	52
<b>Other Hay 1st cutting</b>	75	51	65	44
<b><u>Small Grain Development:</u></b>				
<b>Barley Headed</b>	98	96	97	97
<b>Barley Turned</b>				
<b>Winter Wheat Headed</b>	94	75	99	89
<b><u>Fruit Crops Blooming:</u></b>				
<b>Strawberries</b>	100	100	99	98
<b>Strawberries: Harvested</b>	43	21	39	32

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2007

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006	This Week	Last Week	Average 2002-2006
<b>Very Short</b>	13	4	-	4	2	-
<b>Short</b>	51	20	-	31	15	-
<b>Adequate</b>	36	76	-	65	83	-
<b>Surplus</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2007

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.02	14.49	-1.35	92	44	67	2
Frederick	0.11	13.24	-1.96	88	46	67	5
Frostburg	0.00	14.76	-3.90	82	43	63	5
Hagerstown	0.00	9.45	-5.53	87	47	68	4
Mechanicsville	0.00	14.23	-3.55	87	49	67	0
Patuxent River	0.00	12.29	-3.69	84	49	67	2
Ocean City	0.03	13.21	-4.76	88	44	64	-3
Salisbury	0.01	15.32	-2.30	89	36	64	-3
Sharpsburg	0.07	13.12	-2.08	89	44	67	5
Stevensville	0.06	16.19	-0.46	89	55	69	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	13.56	-0.93	91	54	71	2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.00	15.67	-1.41	89	50	67	1
Georgetown	0.00	14.37	-3.05	90	46	67	3
Wilmington	0.00	19.56	3.44	90	47	68	3

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.